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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1998-1999

Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates falling under the guidelines for the contingency fund contained in the annex to resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987 is herewith submitted. It amounts to $245,200, as indicated below. This amount corresponds to that previously recommended by the Fifth Committee at its 41st meeting, on 15 December 1997, upon its consideration of the revised estimates under section 6, Legal affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999,[1] in respect of the session of the International Law Commission (A/C.5/52/23 and Corr.1).

2. The amount of $245,200 is within the available balance of the contingency fund. Paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 42/211 states: "Should the consolidated amount be within the available balance in the contingency fund, the Assembly would proceed to appropriate the required amounts under the relevant sections of the programme budget." The Fifth Committee therefore can proceed to recommend to the General Assembly the appropriation of the required amount as follows:

Section	Thousands of United States dollars
6. Legal affairs	245.2
Total	245.2

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3. Should the Fifth Committee proceed as above, it should also request the General Assembly to take note that a balance of $18,754,800 would remain in the contingency fund.

Notes

[1] Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/52/6/Rev.1), vol. I.